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1. Between 5 and 7 November 1954, a conference was held in Berlin under the title "Deutsch-Deutsche Begegnung" (German Meeting). The conference, which was organized and financed by the "Committee for German Unity", did not have the results expected. West German participants in the conference repeatedly pointed out the devastating effect which recentest general elections had had in West Germany. They said in this connection that the reunification of Germany could not be brought about by the staged elections. Professor Norden countered these representations stating that the elections preceding the reunification of Germany would follow, as, according to his proposal, the procedure for electing in the time of the Weimar Republic.
2. Nuschke and Dr. Loch believed that the Soviet Union, seeing all their proposals made for the reunification of Germany rejected, would be more inclined to accept the status of peaceful co-existence even with a divided Germany as a temporary solution. This solution would be welcomed by the SED but strictly rejected by all bourgeois parties in the GDR.

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